Non-Acceptance of NHRC Recommendations

198. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many recommendations of NHRC have not been accepted by Government;

(b) what are the reasons for not accepting them;

(c) the details of steps taken to ensure that these recommendations are accepted?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) The recommendations of the National Human Rights commission as contained in its four Annual Reports for the years 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 were laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha, along with the Action Taken Report, on 26-8-1994, 26-8-1995, 11-9-1996 and 10-6-1998 respectively.

Khurana's Statement on involvement of Bajrang Dal in Orissa Killings

203. SHRI NILOPTAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a news-item "Bajrang Dal involved in Orissa Killings: Khuraria", appearing in "Times of India" dated 1st February, 1999;

(b) the reaction of Government to the observations of Shri Khurana on Home Ministry's Official's Information; and

(c) the salient features of the intelligence information collected' by Government which prompted this private conversation?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government has appointed a Commission of Inquiry, consisting of Mr. Justice D.P. Wadhwa, a sitting judge of the Supreme Court of India, to make an inquiry with respect to the facts and circumstances relating to the killing of Mr. Graham Stewart Staines, an Australian national, and his two sons in Village Manoharpur, District Keonjhar, Orissa and the role, if any, played by any authority, organisation or individual in/or in connection with these killings. The Commission has been asked to submit its report within two months.

Transfer or N.E. Cell to Home Ministry

204. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the North East Cell opened in the Prime Minister's Office durign the United Front Government, has been transferred to the Ministry of Home Affairs;

(b) if so, whether Home Ministry would look into all the affairs of North-Eastern States; and

(c) whether the North East Council would be under the Home Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Chakma-Hajong Refugee Problem

205. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government consider the Chakma-Hajong refugee problem of Arunachal Pradesh as a national problem;

(b) whether Government are in favour of granting Indian citizenship to such refugees;